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In re Application of Lippard et al.

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Examiner: Alexander, Michael P.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNDER MPEP § 724.02

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 November 18, 2005

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.59, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) is enclosed herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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